

lower the cost of prescription drugs. We are asking this Congress to pass the Prescription Drug Fairness Act.

Unfortunately, the drug companies and my friends on the other side of the aisle do not seem much interested in letting this pass.

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The drug companies will give lower prices to HMOs, they will give lower drug prices to hospitals, they will give lower drug prices to insurance companies and to the VA, but they charge senior citizens out of pocket literally twice as much in many cases for prescription drugs than they do these preferred buyers.

The prescription drug companies are banding together to oppose the Prescription Drug Fairness Act on the House floor. They say that this legislation will stifle innovation and hurt research. They say it will cost them so much money they will not be able to continue to develop new drugs. They do not say anything, Mr. Speaker, about huge executive drug companies' salaries. They do not say anything about record \$22 billion drug company profits. They do not say anything about marketing, about salespeople and about the multimillion-dollar lobbying company campaign they are foisting upon us.

TRIBUTE TO WARDELL YATAGHAN

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wardell Yataghan, a gentleman who recently passed away and was president of the Resident Council of Rockwell Gardens, a public housing development in Chicago and a founder of the Coalition to Save Public Housing.

Wardell, unfortunately, died too soon, but he gave his life as an inspiration and as a light for those who live in public housing. And I think as a testament to him, I want to urge that we continue to support public housing in the United States.

JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S CONGRESS

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, today, this week, children from every State in the Union have come to Washington to participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Children's Congress. As the cochairman of the House Diabetes Caucus, which boasts 265 Members of this body who have dedicated themselves to trying to find a cure for diabetes, it is fitting that we

pay tribute to these young people who came here today and participated in a ceremony on the west front of the Capitol to highlight the need to cure diabetes.

This is not only an adult disease, it is a child's disease, a cruel children's disease that affects millions of people in this country. It is necessary, it is appropriate that this Congress devote adequate resources to try to find a cure for disease through research.

So I am happy to join all the other Members of the caucus in saluting the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and all the children who participated here today.

I am especially proud of Nancy Stockton, the delegate from Cheney, Washington. Nancy is a tribute to her family, her community and all young people with diabetes.

CONGRESS MUST PASS COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last week, in the dead of the night, the Republican leadership responded to the tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, by trying to weaken gun safety laws. Instead of taking up the bipartisan measures already approved by the other Chamber, the Republican leadership joined with the NRA to kill common-sense gun safety measures and blow holes in the Brady law. Now, we are back to square one.

But I am an optimist, and I believe that this body can do what is right for America. I call on my colleagues to meet us halfway, close the loophole once and for all that allows criminals to arm themselves at gun shows without any background check at all. Let us ensure that handguns are sold with child safety locks so that children do not accidentally hurt themselves or anyone else when they find a weapon at home.

These are mainstream ideas that parents and families in the country want passed. The cost of delay is steep. Thirteen children are killed every day with guns. One hundred thousand guns are brought to schools every year. Let us take up gun legislation that will keep guns in responsible hands.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO CUT TAXES, NOT INCREASE THEM

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are arguing among themselves about which taxes they want to raise, about how to come up with additional revenue. Anyone who has any doubt about the truth of this state-

ment need merely consult with statements made by the President, the House minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), and the minority leader in the other body, TOM DASCHLE.

The President said this past January, while in Buffalo, New York, that he was opposed to giving the surplus back to the American taxpayers who produced it because, "You might not spend it right." The President thinks that the government knows better how to spend our money than the people who earned it.

The House minority leader stated his vision of expanding the Federal education bureaucracy by cutting defense and raising taxes. In fact, he said he would be proud to do it.

And now we have the minority leader in the other body who just this past weekend said that tax increases were on the table. Maybe on the Democrats' table, but they are not on the Republicans' table. In fact, we are debating which taxes to cut.

Let us reduce the taxes on the people of this Nation.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 987

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill H.R. 987.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 22, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 21, 1999 at 1:21 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 105.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on